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Providence—The Rev. A. Mason Brown, 988 Smith Street,  
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MINISTERS—Earle A. Brooks, Chairman; John A. McClelland, Wm.  
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MINISTERS—A. Mason Brown, Chairman; Geo. W. Warren.  
ELDERS—F. W. Victor, John A. Jardine, Samuel Waddington.

## THE MINUTES

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Synod of New England was held in the First Church of Providence, R. I., Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24th and 25th, 1922, convening at 2 P. M.

It was a very happy occasion, for the First Church was in the midst of its "Golden Jubilee," closing its first fifty years on October 25th.; thus the very atmosphere was surcharged with the gladness of the hour, and all caught it as the warm welcome was extended from the lips of the pastor, A. Mason Brown.

There was also a note of sadness, for the Moderator, Alexander Alison, Jr., had just been called to the bedside of his stricken father, and thus was not present to preside or preach the opening sermon.

The Ex-Moderators, Dr. Allan McD. Paterson and Dr. Clarence A. Young stepped into the breach. Dr. Paterson calling Synod together and Dr. Young preaching a very helpful sermon from Psalms 121: 1 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills."

Synod was constituted with prayer by Dr. Allan McD. Paterson.

The Roll was called with the following present.

### BOSTON PRESBYTERY.

MINISTERS 14—John A. McClelland, Hector Ferguson, Robert L. Barbor, Charles R. Winthrop, Frederick W. Tingley, Thomas R. Turner, Clarence A. Young, James F. Polley, E. Morris Ferguson, John K. MacGillivray, Edward E. Weaver, Martin D. Kneeland, Gregory A. Sheradan, John J. Romolo.

ELDERS 6—Samuel Coombs, Boston First; Archibald MacLean, Boston Scotch; Clarence O. Marsh, Lynn; Alfred Bishop, Quincy; John M. Smith, Roxbury; David A. Donaldson, Somerville Union Square.

### CONNECTICUT VALLEY PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS 3—Frank A. Hosmer, S. Turner Foster, Rosmond M. MacDonald.

ELDERS 2—S. W. Davis, Bridgeport; John S. Imrie, New Haven.

### NEWBURYPORT PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS 7—James D. Cameron, William E. Archibald, Richard S. Quigley, Joseph E. Kennedy, Perley C. Grant, Allan McD. Paterson, Daniel Nicholson.

ELDERS 0.

### PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERY

MINISTERS 7—Albert J. Fowle, R. W. Anderson, Robert R. White, A. Mason Brown, Lewis E. Shields, Charles Allen Fisher, James McLeod.

ELDERS 4—James Menielly, Lonsdale; David A. Brown, Providence, 1st; Samuel Waddington, Providence, 2nd; Foster Kierstead, Worcester.

Ministers 31; Elders 12—Total 43.

## MINISTERS ABSENT BUT EXCUSED

Boston Presbytery—Earle A. Brooks, Herbert A. Manchester, Edgar Crossland, Duncan MacPhee, Hermon S. Ficke, A. Roy Thompson, John E. Wildey.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery—Alexander Alison, Jr., John Alison, Ford C. Ottman, Charles S. Lane, A. J. Wm. Myers, John F. Johnstone.

Newburyport Presbytery—James M. Craig, William McN. Kittredge.

Providence Presbytery—Hastings Ellis.

## ABSENT AND UNEXCUSED

Boston Presbytery—James Alexander, Robert L. Anderson, Frank E. Mills, Lewis V. Price, Frederick W. Van Horsen, George W. Warren.

Newburyport Presbytery—William T. Bailey, Marshal E. Bartholomew, Stephen P. Brownell, John Kamm, Francis H. Laird, Richard R. Lange, Frederick C. Saure, Coovirt Thomas.

Connecticut Valley Presbytery—Walter J. Campbell, Charles A. Hawley, John L. Maddox, George H. McClelland, William Sinclair, Frank D. Smith, Willard P. Soper, A. M. Thompson.

## CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ELDER

Brookline, Boston Fourth, Clarendon Hill—Somerville, East Boston, Everett, Gloucester Memorial, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Waltham, Greenwich, Hartford, Holyoke, Newton, Stamford, Springfield, Thomsonville Antrim, Barre, Bedford, Graniteville, Haverhill, Lawrence, Litchfield, Londonderry, Lowell, Manchester—German, Manchester—Westminster, New Boston, Newburyport—First, Newburyport—Second, Portland, South Ryegate, West Barnet, Windham, Framingham, New Bedford, Newport, Woonsocket.

*38 churches not represented by an elder.*

*Herein lies the weakness and a real heartache, the non-attendance of the Elders. The work of the Kingdom suffers here in New England because of this sad fact.*

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## ORGANIZATION

The Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, pastor of the First Church of Worcester, Mass., and the Stated Clerk of Synod was elected Moderator. On taking the chair he reminded Synod that this was not only "the Jubilee" of the First Church of Providence, but the completion of the first ten years of the present Synod of New England, calling attention to the fact that not one of the officers of Synod during the first year were members of the present Synod, and that only seven of the present pastors were pastors at that time. "God removes the workman but the work goes on."

The Rev. Allan McD. Paterson was re-elected Permanent Clerk for a term of three years.

The Rev. John A. McClelland was appointed Temporary Clerk, and Synod was set for business.



The Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk with the explanation "that we were greatly handicapped and not a little discouraged by being compelled to change our entire program, almost at the last moment, because of the meeting of the Assemblies' Committee on Re-organization at Atlantic City who regardless of the promises to Synod by the Boards coralled the leaders." The Docket was adopted and became the chart for Synod.

The following were invited to sit as corresponding members of Synod.

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The Rev. William R. King, Synod of Missouri.  
The Rev. George F. Scott, Synod of Illinois.  
The Rev. W. S. Holt, Synod of Oregon.  
The Rev. N. D. Bartholomew, Synod of New York.  
The Rev. Frederick E. Stockwell, Synod of New Jersey.  
The Rev. Merchant S. Bush, Synod of Colorado.  
The Rev. W. J. Martin, U. P., Synod of New York.  
The Rev. A. D. Martin, U. P., Synod of New York.

The Standing Committees, appointed by the Moderator, were as follows:

#### BILLS AND OVERTURES

Rev. S. Turner Foster, Rev. Frederick W. Tingley, Rev. Richard S. Quigley.  
Elders: Samuel Waddington, Alfred Bishop.

#### JUDICIAL BUSINESS

Rev. E. Morris Ferguson, Rev. James D. Cameron, Rev. James McLeod.  
Elders: John M. Smith, S. W. Davis.

#### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Rosmond M. MacDonald, Rev. Thomas R. Turner,  
Rev. Joseph E. Kennedy.  
Elders: Alfred Bishop, David A. Brown.

#### FINANCE

Elders: David A. Donaldson, John S. Imrie, Foster Keirstead.

#### PLACE OF MEETING

Rev. Robert L. Barbor, Rev. Perley C. Grant; Elder, Samuel Coombs.

#### RECORDS OF PRESBYTERY

Boston Presbytery Minutes—Rev. Albert J. Fowlie, Elder S. W. Davis.  
Connecticut Valley Presbytery Minutes—Rev. Charles R. Winthrop,  
Elder Allan Campbell.  
Newburyport Presbytery Minutes—Rev. John K. MacGillivray,  
Elder John S. Smith.  
Providence Presbytery Minutes—Rev. William E. Archibald,  
Elder Clarence O. Marsh.  
To collate the whole report:  
Rev. James F. Polley, Rev. Gregory Sheradan.

#### NARRATIVE

The Stated Clerk of Synod and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries.  
To be prepared by Rev. Allan McD. Paterson in 1923.

## COMMITTEE ON REVISING COMMITTEES

Rev. John K. MacGillivray, Rev. James D. Cameron, Rev. R. L. Barbor,  
Elder, David A. Brown.

## RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Robert R. White, Rev. William Archibald, Rev. R. W. Anderson.  
Elders: John M. Smith, Samuel Waddington.

One of the first actions taken by Synod was to authorize the Moderator to send telegrams of sympathy and encouragement to Rev. Alexander and John Alison, because of the illness of their father, and also to Earle A. Brooks, because of the serious sickness of his wife.

## NEW ERA REPORT

Because of the illness in the home of Rev. Earle A. Brooks, the report was presented by Rev. John A. McClelland.

“You are well aware of the forward steps that our church has taken in recent years and the share that the New Era Movement has had in these forward-looking and progressive efforts.”

Within our own Synod, during the past year, the work has moved forward slowly. The Presbyterial Chairmen have been faithful in the promotion of the work, but many of the churches have not reached their apportionments. Zeal has been lacking, but we believe it has been rekindled again as a result of the Stony Brook Conference.

As a Committee we strongly recommend that three things be stressed.

1. Stewardship.
2. Missionary Education
3. Every Member Mobilization.

In these three lines of effort we have, in summary, the great work of the church in its fulfillment of the Master's Commands. With this simple, workable, sensible plan we should become most powerful in training our congregations in the essentials of Christian work, by sermons, in study classes, in prayer-meeting talks, in Sunday School, Young People's organizations and Missionary Societies, by precept, and example, by individual effort and by organized effort. Stewardship, Missionary Education and Every Member Mobilization should be set before all the people of all the churches of Synod.

Following the report, Mrs. A. McD. Paterson and Mrs. Ida Lewis addressed Synod on "Impressions received at the New Era Conference, held at Stony Brook," followed by Rev. Clarence A. Young, Rev. R. L. Barbor, Rev. S. Turner Foster, and Rev. N. D. Bartholomew, District Superintendents of the New Era, each speaking on different features of the New Era Movement.

The following resolutions were presented and approved:

That this may be done properly your Committee begs leave to suggest:

*First*, that each Pastor and Stated Supply give himself in loyal support and whole-hearted co-operation to the great task of the Church as set forth by the New Era Movement.

*Second*, that every congregation be cultivated with the purpose of developing the grace of denominational and Kingdom loyalty; in the taking up of its own share of responsibility; in the great effort to present a united heart and a solid front to the unchristian world.

*Third*, that each minister and elder try to keep well-informed in regard to the work of the Boards and the New Era Movement.

*Fourth*, that the proposed plan of holding New Era Institutes within our Synod this fall be encouraged in every way. The schedule has been arranged by Dr. S. Turner Foster, who has acted for the Committee in this very helpful way. The various Presbyteries will be visited in the following order:

Connecticut Valley,	November 5—8
Boston,	November 9—12
Providence,	November 13—14
Newburyport,	November 15—16

With the hope that the New Era Movement may come into a real new era of good-will and success within our Synod, this report is respectfully submitted.

EARLE A. BROOKS, Chairman.

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#### REPORT OF WOMEN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY

As the busy months of another fiscal year have been added to the past records of the Women's Synodical Society of New England, they have carried with them the story of the women who have been loyal to the work committed to their care and who have brought to the Master their offerings of gold and of service that His Kingdom may be established on the earth.

While we regret our inability to meet the admittedly large budget yet it is with a great deal of thanksgiving that we can report in these days of financial straits that the gifts of this year have exceeded those of last year by \$566.06. Each year we report an increase but alas—the budget also increases and we have never been able to catch up.

We gave to Home Missions \$6,099.80; to Foreign Missions \$6,562.78, to Freedmen Missions \$1,745.38; a total in all of \$14,407.96.

In addition to this \$36.46 was expended by the four Presbyterials for material for the Overseas Hospital Sewing work. This branch of our work is in its second year and is proving very popular. One President says, "Overseas sewing has added 100% to the interest in my society." Sewing for the refugees in the Near East has also been done and many boxes of children's clothes made according to patterns furnished by the Women's Boards have been sent in loving sympathy to these unfortunate peoples.

The hospitals given to us for our interest have been those at Allahabad and Jhansi, India.

*The Freedmen*—That interest in this work is increasing is shown by contributions from three more societies than last year. Gifts of money were supplemented by boxes of clothing, school supplies, shoes and bed clothes and many touching letters of appreciation have been received from the teachers receiving these things.

*Literature*—The importance of this department is felt more and more. The sale of leaflets, of missionary programs for meetings, missionary plays and pageants for Young People have all been a strong factor in keeping alive and stimulating the interest of both young and old. The mission study books with the free helps have been taken up all over the Synodical.

There have been 317 copies of Home Mission Monthly taken, 126 of Women's Work for Women, 253 copies of the Year Book of Prayer.

*The Young People*—"The church of tomorrow," as some one has called them. No other work so important as this and because of their divided interests so hard to control. More young people have attended conferences this year, there have been "get togethers" and supper conferences in their own Presbyteries. A new plan to be tried out next year is separate Presbyterian meetings for them, at which they may gather annually and discuss their own problems and have their own speakers. They contributed \$2,351.81 to the missionary funds of the Synodical.

*Missionary Education*—The number of mission study classes is steadily growing. Boston Presbyterian reported 32, Connecticut Valley Presbyterian 11, Providence 15 and Newburyport 10. Forty of these were Home Mission Classes and Twenty-eight Foreign. There is but one school of missions in the Synod, that in the Everett church, but another is now started in the 2nd church of Providence. A normal class on "Unfinished Business" was conducted in the First Church of Boston by Mrs. M. A. Gildersleeve, Educational Secretary of the Home Board.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. Arthur) ANNA C. LEWIS.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

The Executive Commission made its report through Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, which dealt entirely with the results of the Questionnaire, authorized by the last Synod in regards to increasing the attendance, interest and profit of the meeting of Synod. Although the report and action covered different periods of Synod for the sake of a clear understanding, we present it as adopted as a whole :

1. In order to make possible the attendance upon Synod of all accredited ministers and elders a "Traveling Fund" to be used for traveling to and from Synod be approved.

2. In order to equalize the expense among various congregations, some of which now pay the traveling expenses of pastors and elders to synod, this "traveling fund" be raised by a per capita apportionment of same to all the congregations of the Synod.

3. A change in the program of Synod, the main lines of which would involve:—1. Devotional exercises and business for the morning; 2. Study Classes in the afternoon for a survey of such texts as might be used in local study classes during the Fall, Winter and Spring, touching on Missions, Stewardship, Evangelism, Service, Bible Study, etc.; 3. In the evening popular meetings to be addressed by our Board and Agency and other leaders.

4. That the Sessions of Synod be lengthened to three days.

All of which was adopted with the hope and prayer for a larger and better synod, and a much larger response on the part of the churches and ministers.

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, Synodical and Synod participating. Rev. Robert R. White and Rev. Richard S. Quigley assisted the Moderator, while Elders John Smith, David Donaldson, Foster Kierstead, and S. W. Davis distributed the elements. After this impressive hour Synod stood at recess until the Popular Meeting at 7.45.

The Evening meeting was rich, impressive and unique. Dr. William R. King, Secretary of the Home Board, brought us an instructive and stirring message as he led us to the summits and visualized the great work which lay as whitened fields before the church, many of these with few laborers and in some of these our church working single handed.

Dr. W. S. Holt brought the need of the Board of Sustentation in a witty appeal for the faithful shepherds who are nearing the sunset. The address was at times humorous, again deep in pathos and intense sharp in rebuke. The impressive film, "Soldiers of the Cross," was shown as the climax of a very impressive evening.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Dr. James McLeod led the Synod in the 9 o'clock devotional half hour in a very helpful and fatherly way, bringing Synod into the right frame of mind for the tasks and privileges of the day.

### TEMPERANCE AND LORD'S DAY

This combined report was presented by Dr. M. D. Kneeland, and the following recommendations adopted.

1. The Synod heartily endorses the work of the Lord's Day League, and recommend that it be put into the budget of the churches and that an annual gift be made to it. This will be credited to the Lord's Day Alliance, according to the plan of the General Assembly.

2. The Synod places itself on record in hearty sympathy with the enforcement of the legislative act to make efficient the 18th amendment. It urges the churches and church members located in Massachusetts that on November 7th a favorable vote be cast and secured on the referendum to secure enforcement and good citizenship.

### HOME MISSIONS

Your Committee on Home Missions, when it measures its accomplishments during the past year by its opportunities and responsibilities feels very humble. We have done little more than carry on in a more or less ineffective way the work that was being carried on a year ago. We are marking time rather than making progress. We feel that much more could be done and ought to be done by the Presbyterian Church in New England. That we may more nearly meet our responsibilities as a Synod, we suggest:

I. *A survey of the need*, a careful study of our opportunity and our responsibility in New England. Our right to be in New England at all has been questioned. What are the conditions that justify our work here? What is our probable constituency? Where should we mass our forces? Are there fields that should be abandoned? Are there others that we ought to enter? What ought to be done in New England in the great task of making America Christian? and what is our share of the work?

We have in our Committee a sub-committee on Program of which Rev. John Alison, D. D., is chairman, which has been asked to study the field and bring in a five-year program. Very little progress has been made because of lack of time. Busy pastors cannot be expected to spend the time and effort, traveling, telephoning, writing letters and interviewing which would be necessary to any worth while results. We feel that the need is here; that it is urgent; that we are morally bound to supply the need; but the need ought to be stated in terms that are specific, not general.

II. In the second place, we ought to *visualize the need*, to make it known to our churches and people in a way that will compel attention. We have in our Committee a sub-committee on Publicity, of which Rev. A. McD. Paterson, D. D., is chairman, which is expected to prepare a lecture with stereopticon slides on New England's needs and opportunities. This lecture will have interesting paragraphs about the historic churches at Newburyport and Londonderry; about our immigration work at Hartford, Manchester, Somerville, and Quincy. It will create pride in our denomination by showing pictures of our fine churches at Antrim, W. Barnet, Brookline, Newport, Worcester, Helyoke and Stamford. It will call attention to the progress made in many fields. It will also speak of the great sections of New England where there is no church and no Sunday School; where doors of opportunity stand open ready for our church to enter. When this lecture is ready it ought to be given in every church of the Synod and the challenge presented:—"What ought we to do about this need?"

111. The third thing necessary is *organization to meet the need*. Here we come very close to the solution of our problem. It is our conviction that the need is too great to be met by our present organization of simply a Home Mission Committee made up of pastors and laymen who have all that they can do to look after their own fields.

Dr. John McDowell of the Home Board, and Dr. Foulkes of the New Era Movement, both agree that there is need for a Synodical Superintendent in our Synod and both are ready to co-operate in helping to make his selection and support possible.

IV. That brings us to the fourth great essential, viz.—*money to finance the need*. As a self-supporting Synod we have had an arrangement by which we could draw from the Board for any year an amount equal to the amount paid in to the Board by the churches of Synod the preceding year. We regret that last year our receipts were about \$1275 less than the year before when they reached their maximum. The causes for this decline were local rather than general and we expect that there will be at least a partial recovery this year. But the lessened receipts give us for this year a credit with the Board of only \$8824.48, instead of \$10,000. as the year before. The last Synod adopted a budget of \$13,332 for this current church year. This included a 20% increase for our own work and a 10% additional for the Board for its national work. If we can reach this goal this year it will give us approximately \$5000 additional credit, which would be enough to employ our Synodical Superintendent.

Dr. Wm. R. King followed and supplemented Dr. Young's report with a stirring address on and appeal to the Presbyterians of New England.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Synod authorize its Committee on Home Missions to enter into an agreement with the Board of Home Missions and the New Era Movement, to employ a Synodical Superintendent, if and when the way be clear.

2. That the whole relationship of the work of the Board of Home Missions to the work of the other Boards, under the new consolidation plan, in the Synod of New England be referred to the Committee on Home Missions for adjustment.

3. That we recognize the national scope of the work of our Board of Home Missions, and that Synod's Committee on Home Missions be authorized to make an agreement with the Home Board whereby a proper proportion of our gifts go to maintain our own work and the balance go to the general work of the Board.

4. That we endorse the Debt Campaign of the Home Board, and open our churches to representatives of the Board to present the importance and necessity of clearing off this debt, and that we adopt as our share the California standard of one dollar (1) for every three members of our Synod.



## EVANGELISM

The indications are that the Word is faithfully preached by our ministers throughout the Synod, and we believe there never was a time when faithful preaching of the Gospel was more needed than at the present time in New England.

Boston Presbytery reports that in nearly all the churches special meetings of some character were held. Some of these were union meetings with other churches in the neighborhood, and some other pastors assisted each other.

Connecticut Valley reports a similar arrangement, and a deepened spiritual interest among the people.

Newburyport has had Dr. Arthur F. Bishop, an able Evangelist from the South. He has conducted meetings in Windham, Newburyport, Antrim and Lowell, much to the edifying of the people.

Providence also reports meetings held of a special character in most of the churches during the year. Worcester again had the blind Evangelist, Rev. Thomas Houston.

None of our Presbyteries added as many by examination this year as last. Boston added 219, last year 286, Conn. Valley added 224, last year 275, Providence added 132, last year 176, Newburyport added 140, last year 172. The total additions this year are in excess of last. This is made up by restorations and by certificate additions.

Synod shows the same number added to the Suspended Roll as last year, namely 512. This is the saddest report of our church work. People who have put their hands to the plough and now looking back. Former members of the Presbyterian church, moving from place to place and not interested enough to report their moving. Surely here is a great field for our Elders to interest themselves in. One church in Boston Presbytery has had success in reclaiming such lapsed members by hunting them up, and holding cottage meetings in their homes, in this way reestablishing a point of contact between them and the church. This work is done largely by the Christian Endeavorers.

## VACANCY AND SUPPLY

The usual restlessness is shown in our Synod. We had five pastoral dissolutions and five Installations within our bounds the past year. Out of our 52 churches in Synod, 6 report no accessions to membership. These are mostly churches without pastors. Boston has four vacant churches, Conn. Valley has none, Newburyport has five, and Providence has two.

We heartily commend the plan carried out by Providence Presbytery in holding two weeks' special meetings in one of their churches which was without a pastor, the members of Presbytery contributing their services. When the pastor came he found the church in splendid condition for him to carry on the work.

We have only one recommendation, viz, that in every church in Synod as far as possible between now and Easter there be planned a series of meetings, stressing Evangelism, and that we shall expect, pray and work for a great ingathering, and deepening of spiritual interest among our people both young and old, during this Winter, culminating at Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. McCLELLAND, Chairman.



## GENERAL FUND

## 1921

\$511.65

422.17

## EXPENDITURES

## 1922

\$422.17

## RECEIPTS

\$435.50

312.44

## EXPENDITURES

\$312.44

This report was received and placed in the hands of the Finance Committee, who reported at a later hour, "We have examined the Treasurer's report for the year October 26th, 1921, to October 25th, 1922, and find the same correct."

#### Recommend:

2. The payment of the salaries of the Stated and Permanent Clerks.
2. The payment for binding the Minutes for the first 10 years of Synod—\$1.50.
3. To Selfsupporting Synods' Conference the rate of \$2.00 for each \$1,000 raised for Home Missions.
4. To the Janitor of First Providence Church \$10.
5. Postage, etc., expended by Clerks, \$2.00.

That the rate to be asked from the churches for the expenses of Synod be 3½ cents per member.

JOHN S. IMRIE,  
FOSTER M. KEIRSTEAD,  
DAVID R. DONALDSON.

This was received and adopted by Synod.

Synod stood in recess for dinner.

#### NARRATIVE ON CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WORK

This report was prepared and presented by Dr. S. Turner Foster, who because of the illness of Dr. A. McD. Paterson, stepped into the breach and in spite of late and imperfect reports produced a most excellent narrative.

Most of the churches report increases in membership, showing that the church as a whole is gradually building a larger and dependable constituency in New England.

The morning service is generally well attended which cannot be said of the evening audiences, although special effort is made to attract and help more people by the power of the Gospel. In fact this is the encouraging note the Ministers are preaching the Gospel with power.

One of the saddest facts is the failure to appreciate and attend the prayer meeting by great numbers of our people, although the faithful few have kept and are keeping the altars burning.

Religious Education has not been neglected but more and more the importance of Christian training is pressing upon us.

The Sunday schools are becoming more progressive and are better manned, although there is still room for improvement, and all schools should be urged to become standard schools.

As far as reported the Pastors have been faithful in preaching the Word and shepherding their flocks.

The most fruitful method in winning people to Christ has been through personal effort.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Presented by Dr. Edward E. Weaver and supplemented by addresses by Dr. Frederick E. Stockwell, representing the General Board of Education, and Rev. Merchant Bush, student Pastor in Greater Boston.

Synod received this report, commended the faithful work of the chairman and adopted the following resolutions:

### Resolutions:—

1. a) Synod expresses its approval of the appropriation of \$2,000.00 toward the work of a student pastor for the Boston District by the General Board of Education and the action of the Committee on Religious Education of Synod in carrying out the expressed willingness of Synod to settle such a man whereby he has been called and is now engaged in this work in the person of Rev. Merchant S. Bush.

b) Synod requests all its churches to make an adequate contribution or appropriation to the support of this work this collegiate year on or before April 1, 1923.

c) Inasmuch as arrangements must be made at this meeting of Synod for a second year of this work beginning Sept. 1, 1923, Synod directs its New Era Committee to include the sum of \$2,000.00 toward the maintenance of this work in its budget, for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1923, that this amount be allocated to the churches in their budgets for 1923-24 in percentage of the whole amount of the Synod's budget, and that the Central Receiving Agency be requested to turn over to treasurer of Synod this percentage out of undesignated contributions together with all designated contributions from churches of Synod.

d) Synod authorizes its Committee on Religious Education, whether acting alone or in conjunction with a similar committee of the Boston Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church to validate its own expenditures within the amounts appropriated and given.

e) Synod authorizes the incorporation of the joint committee, made up of local ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. and of the United Presbyterian Church, to the number of nine, five of whom at least shall belong to the former Church, for the purpose of holding and administering property for use in conducting the work. Synod to be relieved of all financial responsibility in connection with this incorporation except so far as it may take special action in the future.

f) That application be made to the General Board of Education or his successor, The Board of Christian Education, for aid in the purchase of a house to serve as a home and student center for the University student pastor and that Synod's committee be authorized to determine the amount to be applied for.

g) Synod asks the General Board of Education or its successor, the Board of Christian Education, for an appropriation of \$2,000.00 for the work of the Boston student pastorate for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1923, and that your committee be authorized to continue the engagement of Rev. Merchant S. Bush, if the way be clear.

2. Synod asks the General Board of Education or its successor, the Board of Christian Education, to appropriate \$250.00 toward Christian work at the New Hampshire College, Durham, N. H., and \$150.00 toward similar work at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

3. Synod requests its churches to observe Sunday, February 25, 1923, as a universal day of prayer for students, and Sunday, May 6, 1923, as Vocation Day, and recommends to the churches the free use of leaflets furnished free by the Board to bring the claims of the Christian ministry to the attention of promising young men.

4. That we approve the policy of co-operation with other denominations in the holding of institutes, where the need or the desire is manifest; and in addition we urge the holding of meetings and institutes in individual churches under the supervision of the Synodical Missionary and with the help of our denominational leaders, according to the program of the Board of Publication and S. S. Work.

5. Synod notes with gratification the increase of interest in Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Week-day Religious Instruction, and urges pursuance of work on these lines just as soon as practicable.

6. Owing to the aggressive policy of our Synod and our church as a denomination along the line of S. S. Missionary Extension to meet the urgent needs that are confronting us, we urge our Sunday Schools to observe Children's Day and Rally Day, emphasizing the special offerings for this work.

7. That Synod authorizes your committee to name two members of the committee to serve on the Committee of Denominational Representatives of the Massachusetts Sunday School Association.

8. Synod acknowledges the faithful, zealous services of its Synodical Missionary, and asks the Board of Publication and S. S. Work for his reappointment another year.

Committee on Religious Education,  
EDWARD E. WEAVER, Chairman.

The Report on Sunday Schools and the Board of Publication was also presented by Dr. Edward E. Weaver, and in connection with the report, Rev. R. R. White spoke of the establishment of Weekday Bible Schools during the school hours and sanctioned by the Board of Education of Newport, R. I.

Rev. John K. MacGillivray, Superintendent of Sabbath School Missions in the Synod of New England, and Mr. John M. Somerndike, Superintendent of Sunday School Missions of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, spoke on the Missionary aspect of the Sunday School.

Rev. MacGillivray reported that during the last year 20 new Sunday Schools had been organized with a membership of fully 800. 13 of these are in Maine, 8 in New Hampshire and one in Massachusetts. In carrying on his work he traveled 10,571 miles, visited 1407 families, gave 313 addresses, talks and sermons, distributed 62,070 pages of religious literature. He informed Synod that "Our's is the only denomination having a Sunday School Missionary employed to reach the destitute communities of New England, and there are upwards of half a million children who are absolutely Sunday-School-less, and it would take 60 men 10 years to reach them once.

# SYNOD OF NEW ENGLAND, 1922

PRESBYTERIES	Churches	Elders	Deacons	Added by Examination	Letter	Restored	Dis. D.	Susp.	Dec. D.	Total Members	Baptized	Sunday School Members
Boston .....	15	92	47	219	146	17	117	34	29	4,763	169	2,643
Connecticut Valley ....	9	69	25	224	243	63	137	196	51	4,417	167	2,378
Newburyport .....	18	91	21	140	56	19	59	26	47	2,457	127	2,256
Providence .....	8	49	6	132	68	62	64	143	13	2,256	100	1,692
Total .....	50	301	91	1,715	523	161	377	399	140	13,893	563	8,969

## BENEVOLENCES AND CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS

PRESBYTERIES	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Education	Sunday School Work	Church Erect.	Relief	Freedmen	Temp.	Evang.	Men's Work	Sob. obs.	General Assembly	Congregational	Miss.
Boston .....	3,243	2,789	704	674	200	387	492	57	139	36	37	637	58,157	3,357
Conn. Valley ..	7,105	8,219	1,595	922	382	747	671	171	156	167	107	685	113,543	16,301
Newburyport ..	1,931	2,503	794	490	280	383	275	44	53	31	59	431	57,068	2,682
Providence .....	2,911	2,055	807	463	157	418	569	74	31	23	51	391	47,217	1,114
Total .....	15,190	16,666	3,900	2,549	1,019	1,935	2,007	352	379	257	254	2,144	275,985	23,454

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

This Report was presented by the chairman, Rev. Daniel Nicholson.

We look over this sin-burdened world and see that "the misery of man is great" upon him because he knows not the way to the city." We listen and we **hear** the wail of woe and the unescapable conclusion is "All the world needs Thee, Oh Christ."

Today there is a challenge to the Cross calling it into conflict with the Crescent. Islamism is holding its head higher at this very moment than it ever did before. This we are obliged to conclude when our daily press informs us that the other day a Moslem shrine was dedicated in the city of Paris and the one who took the leading part in the ceremony of dedication was a French Military officer of high rank.

We are told that Buddhism is "endeavoring to produce the vitilizing fruit of Christianity without its roots. Buddhist schools are fashioned after Christian Schools. The attempt excites pity and at the same time brings a challenge to more vigorous effort and tender service. There is a new spirit of aggression in Mohammedanism and the reason, we are told is "the restriction by European nations and the sway and realm of the Turk in the Near East; decisions affecting the sovereign power of the Caliph in the holy cities of Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem. This spirit of "Mohammed aggression" is a menace from Morocco to Mandalay.

Never in the history of the world is there a greater opportunity and need for Christian service than there is today. Our objective is to give the world the religion of Jesus the Christ. The religion which is God's last word to man—without question the religion which is destined to perpetuity and to ultimate universality. On us is resting the tremendous responsibility to make it so.

As you know our Church is working among 67 nationalities, using 94 languages. We have 170 stations and 2,900 other centers of religion. Working with missionaries are 8,262 native preachers and teachers.

1,185 organized churches	
4,557 Sunday Schools	
2,562 Educational institutions	
191 Hospitals in which	
704,026 Patients were treated last year	
20,145 Members were added to the church last year.	

Your Committee notes with regret the decrease in contributions to Foreign Missions from the previous year. This decrease amounts to \$6406.72. Last year as a Synod we contributed \$21,720.00. This year \$15,313.28.

Of this the Presbyteries gave as follows:

Boston .....	\$4,688.58
Connecticut Valley .....	7,205.99
Providence .....	1,870.06
Newburyport .....	1,548.65
Total .....	<hr/> \$15,313.28

In our Synod there are 13,893 members. Divide this into \$15,313.28 and the quotient gives you the average contribution per member \$1.10. Divide this by 52 Sabbaths in the year and the result is the average contribution per member per Sunday to Foreign Missions, about 21 $\frac{1}{8}$  cents.

Average per church \$306.38. Average per Sunday \$5.89 1/5.

Your Committee would make the recommendation that churches carry out to the best of their ability the New Era program of a School of Missions in every church.

## BILLS AND OVERTURES

The Bills and Overtures Committee reported through its chairman, Dr. S. Turner Foster, recommending the adoption of

### A) Overture of Synod of California:

1. That it authorize the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to undertake to provide a pension of not less than One Thousand Dollars per annum for each minister on the Honor Roll, and to this end the Synod pledges its full measure of co-operation in the achievement of such a goal.

2. That the General Assembly consider the advisability of setting as the goal of the Endowment Fund to be raised for this very worthy cause, the sum of Thirty Million Dollars instead of Ten Million Dollars as at present contemplated.

3. That in accordance with the action of the General Assembly of 1922 in placing women on the three other general Boards now under reorganization, that it instruct the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to elect not less than three representative women as members of their Board.

This was received and adopted by Synod.

B) The Commendation to the churches of Synod of the American Cent. League in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, now maintaining a family of boys and girls in the world, 154 homes and over 60,000 have been under their shelter.

This work was endorsed by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk and a resolution was passed at Des Moines expressing sympathetic action.

## WORK IN EUROPE

Dr. Clarence Young addressed Synod and brought the message of the great opportunity for work in Europe especially in the newly released portions which for many years were under the dominance of Austria. He showed how whole communities were open to Protestant teachings, eager for the truth and desirous of coming out in great numbers from Romanism to the liberty of Our Faith. Also the deep need of the Protestant Church in Austria—one of the largest portion of our Church numbering several millions,—because of the depreciation of currency and the poverty following the war.

“We recommend the work of our General Assembly's Committee on Work in Europe to the Churches of Synod and urge such response to the appeals for money and clothing as may be possible.”



## REPORT OF REVISION OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

(Reporting the changes only)

*Executive Commission*—Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, Chairman; Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, Secretary.

*Home Missions*—Rev. E. Morris Ferguson, instead of Norman MacQueen—removed.

*Ministerial Relief and Sustentation*—Rev. James McLeod, instead of F. C. Gleason—removed.

*New Era*—Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, instead of F. C. Gleason—removed.

*Federation of Churches*—Rev. W. E. Archibald, Chairman; Rev. A. Mason Brown, instead of J. Edward Grant—removed.

It was moved and carried, that a committee be appointed to prepare a report on the organization of Synod. The following constitute this committee: Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, chairman, Rev. Charles Allen Fisher, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland.

The Clerks of Synod were appointed a committee to revise the standing rules of Synod and report at the next meeting.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare and print the minutes of this session of Synod, the number to be left to the discretion of the Stated Clerk and the Treasurer.

Mr. Joseph J. Genthner, representing the Legal Reform Bureau, addressed Synod and pointed out the danger and abuse of the loan shark. A committee from R. I., consisting of Rev. A. Mason Brown, Rev. R. R. White, Elder Samuel Waddington, were appointed with power to act in regards to certain measures before the Rhode Island\* Assembly.

The Committees appointed by Synod carefully examined the records of the four Presbyteries and reported that they found the books neatly kept and correct and moved they be approved, which action was taken by Synod.

The committee on resolutions reported expressing the appreciation of Synod for the kind and generous hospitality of Rev. A. Mason Brown and the members of the First Church. Because of this warm reception the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Church and the Tenth Meeting of Synod will be held in pleasant memory.

Bridgeport, Conn., was chosen for the place of meeting October 23rd—25th, 1923.

**The Minutes were read and approved.**



Mrs. W. T. Larimer of the Woman's Department, Board of Freedmen and Dr. George T. Scott, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, brought inspiring and instructive messages as a fitting climax to a most helpful and pleasant meeting of Synod.

On motion Synod adjourned with a benediction by the Moderator.

ALLAN McD. PATERSON, Permanent Clerk.

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# WOMEN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND

## SUMMARY 1921—22

Number of		Number of
Women's Societies .....	45	Members 1856
Dept. for Associate members .....	4	" 262
Young Women's .....	1	" 12
West. Guilds Chapters .....	12	" 164
Circles .....	6	" 81
Senior .....	35	" 1342
Y. P. S. C. E. Intermediate .....	8	" 200
Juniors .....	17	" 511
Light Bearers .....	6	" 217
Little Light Bearers .....	3	" 45
Total .....	137	4690
Mission Study Classes Home .....	40	
Foreign .....	28	
Subscriptions to Home Mission Monthly .....	317	
Women's Work for Women .....	126	
Copies of the Year Book of Prayer .....	253	

## Minutes

### ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL

The Woman's Synodical Society met in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Providence on October 24th and 25th.

The first session opened at 2.30 P. M., October 24th, with devotional service, conducted by Mrs. James Duguid of New York. Greetings were extended by Mrs. A. Mason Brown in behalf of the First Presbyterian Church of Providence, and responded to for the Synodical by Mrs. A. Morris Ferguson.

The minutes of the last meeting and executive committee were read and approved. The reports of all Secretaries were next read and accepted.

Christian Stewardship was presented at this time by Mrs. Arthur Lewis of Boston.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. S. Turner Foster, and the Secretary instructed to cast one ballot for the election of new officers as read.

The following Committees were appointed: Committee on Findings: Mrs. O. H. Dickey, Mrs. John Baptist. Committee on Nominations for 1922 and 1923: Mrs. John L. Christie, Mrs. H. L. Kittredge and Mrs. Hugh McGregor.

## Wednesday, October 25th

At 10.30 the meeting was opened by a devotional service, conducted by Mrs. F. A. Hosmer of Greenwich.

The roll call showed 44 delegates present from the four Presbyterials.

The President's message laid special stress upon four things for the coming year: the bringing of associate members into our Societies; the organizing of a Mission Study Class in every Church; development of our new branch, Christian Stewardship; and the completion of our allotment of Overseas work.

Mrs. Paterson gave as our watchword for the coming year the following, "Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

A Conference on Methods was conducted by Mrs. James Duguid of New York, who brought to us the cordial greetings of the Foreign Board. Much helpful discussion followed.

Camp Life at Northfield was described by Miss Murray of Providence, who had been a visitor at Camp Westminster for Presbyterian girls.

Dr. Bush presented his work among the students in and about Boston. Through the organizing of Westminster Clubs to keep in touch with students in the various Colleges, many life workers for the Master are being found.

### Afternoon Session

At 2.00 the Conference on Methods was continued until 2.30, when the afternoon session was formally opened by prayer by Mrs. Kittredge.

Mrs. Larimer, Secretary of the Woman's Department of the Freedman Board, conducted a model study class, using the Home Mission Book, "The Trend of the Races." The importance of an understanding of the problem presented by the negro in our country was very ably impressed upon us by the discussions in the class.

Miss Marion Champlin of Providence favored us with a musical selection.

The Assistant Field Secretary of the Woman's Home Board gave a most interesting address, describing her experiences among the mountain whites, in and around Smith, Kentucky. The eagerness of the people for enlightenment, and the wonderful way in which they are responding made us all feel the necessity for work in this branch of our Home Missions.

An unanimous vote was taken to approve the action taken by the Woman's Board in response to the General Assembly's Plan for the consolidation of the Boards. Action was also taken that we send to President Harding a resolution expressing our feeling in regard to the Near East situation.

The Committee on Findings submitted a resolution embodying a vote of thanks to the Churches for their entertainment, to all the officers of Synodical for their faithful work, especially to Mrs. Arthur Lewis for her services rendered during eleven years as Secretary, and to any and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Alice E. Peck, Secretary.



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